

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Martletwy Community Council**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 7.00pm at Wild Lakes, Martletwy**

**Notes:** With the agreement of all parties involved these proceedings were recorded

**Present:** Victoria Evans (Chair); Liz Williams (Vice Chair); David Cole, Jason Crowther, Phil Eynon, (Councillors); Di Clements (County Councillor); Lizzie Lesnianski (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Dave Cole (Councillor)

**23/050: Minutes of previous meeting:** Agreed as accurate record of meeting. Chair signed.

**23/051: Matters arising:**

**a. Woodland Trust & PCNP 70th Anniversary Trees:** Cllr Crowther confirmed all saplings looking well. Cllr Cole watered them last week. It is assumed beyond this point they should be relatively self-sufficient. It was agreed unless it is unseasonally dry they should do well.

**b. Bluestone:** Clerk reported on the invite for a "walk and talk" at Bluestone. The officer at Bluestone suggested Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. No one available on this date. Agreed Cllr Evans and Cllr Williams will liaise and come up with dates in November for Clerk to feed back to Bluestone.

**23/052: Planning**

**a. Applications Received:** Clerk forwarded all applications by email to councillors upon receipt for their consideration prior to the meeting.

*i. 23/0373/PA: The Bungalow, Martletwy, SA67 8AR:* There were no comments on this application. All voted in favour of supporting it.

*ii. NP/23/0391/FUL: Pitch 8, Lawrenny Quay Caravan Park, SA68 0PR:* Council have no comment to add to this application. Council unanimously support this application.

*iii. NP/23/0400/TPO: Rose Hill, Lawrenny, SA68 0PW:* Councillors commented on what the need for felling involved. They stated it was not clear why the application had been made. If the tree is diseased then the application is straightforward. If the application is management related why can the tree not be reduced and retained? If the application was due to disease and a safety viewpoint Councillors unanimously support the application. If the application is from a management viewpoint the application was supported 3 councillors for and 2 councillors against.

*iv. NP/23/0442/FUL: Pear Tree Cottage, Lawrenny, SA68 0PS:* The use of glass was mentioned by a Councillor, who considered it not in keeping with the area. This was the only comment. Council support the application unanimously.

*v. 23/0444/PA: The Timber Yard, Martletwy, SA67 8AD:* Councillors commented on the need for planning officers and enforcement to investigate whether there are other ongoing breaches on this site irrespective of this planning application. Council voted 4:1 to support application, on the basis whilst this application was supported other breaches on site were not.

**b. Application Notices Received:** None

**c. Other Planning Matters:**

*1. Planning Applications previously considered online.*

*i. NP/0349/FUL: Telegraph Pole. Location: SA68 0PS: No comments. No objections*

*ii. NP/0361/FUL: Telegraph Pole. Location: SA68 0PY: No comments. No objections*

*2. Monitoring and Enforcement:* Cllr Clements confirmed progress is being made with enforcement at various sites. Councillors felt these actions by PCC Planning enforcement Officers were a positive development. Cllrs thanked Cllr Clements for her efforts in these



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matters. Clerk reported she had shared public concerns raised regarding a local property and would feed back to council with an update when a response was received from PCC. The council have confirmed they are now in receipt of the missing annual reports regarding an OPD and will be assessing these as well as holding a site visit in due course. Clerk confirmed there were still outstanding questions. Will get back to planning team in due course. Cllr Evans queried siting of Japanese Knotweed on private property, and whether it was reportable to local authority. It was confirmed if on private land dealt with by the landowner.

**23/053: Highway Matters**

**a. Clerk:** Clerk reported Give Way sign at the road junction above Pryce Moor is damaged. No response to previous enquiries from PCC Highways Maintenance team.

**b. Councillor Reports:**

Cllr Evans queried pothole on Burnett's Hill. Cllr Eynon confirmed this was being worked on. Cllr Crowther reported pothole above Whitlow. Three-word ref: Guesswork Ponies Shipyards. Cllr Davies reported pothole near Bubbleton again, and mud on the road at Watery Gates. Cllr Eynon reported the size of some of the hedges on the road, Pryce Moor to Cae Calon. Also reported bent road sign at Waddock and a bent road sign at Burnett's Hill.

**c. County Councillor Report:** Cty Councillor Clements reported feedback has been requested by PCC on Ironman Wales, and the impact on communities. General discussion ensued on the issues around this event and the negative impact on this area with few if any benefits for communities on the edge of the course. Clerk to feed back to Street Team at PCC. The local authority boundary review for Town and Community Councils was discussed. The review is moving forward and there was a meeting with T&CC online on 5<sup>th</sup> September. There is also a bigger review meeting late October in Haverfordwest. Clerk to forward email. Cty Cllr Clements gave a brief outline of proposals discussed by the working group and the timeline of consultation. There are many councillor vacancies across the network, issues recruiting clerks, and retention of both. Any changes made will be brought in for the next election cycle in 2027. These proposals have a wide-reaching impact on the current town and community council network, with considerations including merging wards, the number of councillors per council, possible redundancies of clerks and other employed staff. Cty Cllr Clements reported on the Landshipping Flap Valve debacle. PCC, PCNP, NRW not responsible for the replacement. However, PCC have agreed, without prejudice, on this occasion only, to replace the flap valve. PCC have stated to all involved that after this occasion it will be the responsibility of all/any of the property owners effected by any damage to flap valves. The bridge surface is the responsibility of PCC Highways, and they will continue to manage this aspect of the site. Cty Cllr Clements suggested producing another newsletter in conjunction with the community council. Cllr Davies commented the last one had been a success and he would be happy to help deliver it again. It was agreed end of October would be a good time. Further consideration to be given to content.

County Councillor Clements left the meeting.

**23/054: Finances:**

**a. Grants/Funding Updates:** Cllr Evans confirmed there has been nothing further from PCC Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant team. They appear to have misplaced the application again and everything is currently on hold.



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- b. Invoices & Remittance:** Clerk reported PCC Precept payment remittance received.
- c. Clerk Salary:** Clerk presented salary report for August. Councillors agreed the report.
- d. IRPW:** Clerk presented the IRPW Annual Return, for payments to Councillors to end of March 2023. Cllr Eynon queried when compulsory payments would be made to Councillors. Clerk confirmed it is to be agreed. December chosen. Bank details for all to Clerk.

**23/055: Community Council Policies:**

- a. Revised Standing Orders for Adoption:** Clerk had previously sent revised Standing Orders to all Councillors for perusal prior to meeting. Cllr Davies proposed adopting the Revised Standing Orders. Cllr Crowther seconded the proposal. All voted in favour.

**23/056: Councillor/Clerk Training:**

Cllr Evans confirmed Cllr Crowther is attending planning training on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Clerk sending out list for October training. All to book themselves on.

**23/057: Meetings Attended by Community Councillors/Clerk:** Cllr Williams reported she attended Harvest Festival at Minwear Church, and the WI meeting at Narberth Museum.

**23/058: Correspondence Received:**

- a. Pembrokeshire County Council: Private Water Supply Contingency Plan.** Clerk confirmed this had been received, will forward to all councillors for further consideration.
- b. Resident Correspondence:** Clerk reported on recent correspondence from a local resident regarding new information boards for Martletwy. Enquiry sought funding from MCC. Clerk had reported to resident MCC had applied to Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant, and their shambolic response to the application. Councillors agreed community council is not able to assist with funding due to additional punitive financial constraints. Councillors suggested the public look to get involved with fundraising for local amenities. Clerk to respond to resident.
- c. Amroth Community Council: Opening up the Knights Way.** Clerk confirmed correspondence from Amroth Community Council. They are looking to open up all the Knights way. Cllr Crowther agreed to be the liaison and will be happy to attend meetings. Clerk to send Amroth Community Council Cllr Crowther's contact details.
- d PCC Local Development Plan:** Cllr Davies explained the LDP is being redone and will not now be issued until end 2025. There will be further consultation, similar to that already undertaken. There will no doubt be more information to follow.

**23/059: Communication:**

- a. Community Events:** Cllr Evans mentioned the local firework event in Cresselly on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Evans confirmed she will be away and is looking for volunteers to help with the parking at the event, as she and the Clerk did last year. Put on agenda next month.
- b. Ironman Wales:** Further to discussions earlier in the meeting. Cllr Williams confirmed the issues were worse in Ludchurch, but they did have a police escort for some of the route. Cllr Davies reiterated his views. Cllr Eynon said he had read in the press that carers should be making alternative arrangements. All agreed this was absurd. Cllr Eynon said it read as though Ironman Wales was more important to some than residents who live here and who need assistance. Clerk to put together a feedback response to the Street Care team.

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**23/060: Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm at Lawrenny Village Hall

**Meeting closed:** 20:03

Signed:  Date: 9th Oct 2023

Position: CHAIR